संबंधित उल्लिखित कार्य के लक्ष्य को पूरा करने के लिए बजट की व्यवस्था अगले वित्त वर्ष में की जाएगी। बशर्ते कि संसाधन उपलब्ध हों।

Demand for Daily Service of Ahmedabad-Delhi Rajdhani Express

1160. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made by the public that the Ahmedabad-Delhi Rajdhani Express via Jaipur and Ajmer which operates once in a week be converted into daily service;

(b) whether the proposal is under consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Frequency of New Delhi-Ahmedabad Swarnajayanti Rajdhani Express has been increased from weekly to tri-weekly from 25.4.1998. Further increase in its frequency to daily is not feasible at present.

Recruitment Procedure for Railway Services

1161. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of changes are proposad to be made in the recruitment procedure for entry into the railway services;

(b) if so, the details and the special feature of the new procedure; and

(c) in what way will the new procedure be more effective/transparent to overcome the alleged malpractices in the existing procedure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The recruitments to Group 'C' & 'D' posts on the Railways are made as per the procedure laid down in the relevant instructions, and the procedure essentially requires the vacancies to be notified and all the eligible candidates applying against such notifications being considered. The recruitment to Group 'C' posts is generally made through the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs).

While there has been no change in the procedure outlined above, the working of RRBs has been reviewed recently and a number of measures as detailed in the enclosed Statement *(See below)* taken to revamp the RRBs to restore their credibility.

(c) The new procedure will enable—

—close monitoring of the working of RRBs.

—streamline the selection procedure, so as to eliminate any possibility of tampering with answer sheets and evaluation;

—ensure better accountability of RRBs. and

—establish a system of investigation of complaints which will enhance confidence of the public in the working of RRBs.

Statement

Measures taken to revamp the RRBs

In view of a large number of complaints being received, a thorough review of the functioning and set up of the RRBs has been undertaken and the following important measures have been taken to revamp the same with the objective of restoring the credibility of RRBs and the confidence of the public at large and the candidates in particular in the fair and impartial functioning of these recruitment agencies.

(i) To constitute an apex body named Railway Recruitment Control Board (RRCB) at Railway Board level with Member Staff, Railway Board as Chairman, Additional Member (Staff) and Additional member (Vigilance), Railway Board as members and Executive Director, Establishment (RRB), Railway

Board as Secretary, to issue policy guidelines and to oversee the functioning of Railway Recruitment Boards;

(ii) to terminate the services of all adhoc non-Railway Chairmen and repartriate all serving Railway Officers in Selection/Junior Administrative Grades working on adhoc basis as Chairmen/ RRBs;

(iii) to fill up the post of Chairmen/ RRBs by serving Senior Administrative Grade Railway Officers from Zonal Railway except two posts of Chairmen of RRBs at Chandigarh and Jammu-Srinagar presently held by UPSC selected incumbents;

(iv) to replace incumbents of the posts of Member Secretary & Assistant Secretary with serving Railway Officers in appropriate grades and also to replace the group 'C' and 'D' staff of all the RRBs;

(v) to change the practice of associating non-official members belonging to SC/ST, Minority and OBC communities, in the Interview Committees and to revert back to the earlier practice of associating serving Railway Officers belonging to these communities, with the provision that in case of non-availability of serving Railway Officers of the respective communities, State/ Central Govt./P.S.U./Bank Officers belonging to these communities and in case of further difficulty, retired Railway Officers of proven integrity belonging to these communities will be associated.

(vi) to introduce the system of duplicate carbonless. Answer sheets, the duplicate Answer sheets being sent to the RRCB for independent evaluation, as considered necessary; and

(vii) to set up a grievances redressal machinery to deal systematically with various complaints and representations regarding the functioning of the RRBs' and selections conducted by them.

Unmanned level crossings

1162. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned level crossings in different railway zones;

(b) the details thereof; zone-wise;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to man the unmanned level crossings in different zones during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the zone-wise and year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) to (d) Number of unmanned level crossings in different Railway Zones and number of unmanned level crossings manned in different zones during the last three years are given below:—

S.No.	Railways	Number of Unmanned Level Crossings	Number of Unmanned level Crossings Manned During The Last Three Years		
			1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Central	1528	6	—	16
2.	Eastern	983	—	31	1
3	East Central	743	—	—	—
4	East Coast	339	—	—	5